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They are After Me!

One of my competitors said the other day: "White's doing so much blowing about Blanke's Coffee that the next thing he'll do will be to claim that it cures all kinds of diseases."

No, I won't do that. But I tell you what I do claim. I claim that Blanke's Coffee is so good, so pure, so delicious, that people who drink it are satisfied and happy. It keeps the husband in a good humor, and the thrifty housewife goes about her duties with a smiling face. Of course the children enjoy themselves when the parents are in a happy frame of mind. You don't see much of the blues around the table when a steaming cup of Blanke's Coffee sits by each plate. You can trace a good deal of ill humor and peevishness to Coffee if it's bad. 4 12 pounds \$1

WHEN YOUR BROOM WEARS OUT

come around and see the kinds I sell for 20 and 30c. When you feel like eating mackerel, try my three-for-a-quarter kind. When you want hominy, beans and rice come and see if mine don't look inviting. Five cents buys a bag of pure table salt—PURE table salt, mind you. California evaporated fruits are the best the world ever saw. I sell them.

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KEYTESVILLE, MO.

Board of Appeals for Merchants.

The board of appeals for merchants met at the court-house Monday, Sept. 24, for the purpose of hearing the complaints of merchants whose statements of goods, wares and merchandise for the year 1900 had been raised by the board of appeals. The following officers were present:

E. B. Welch, presiding judge of the county court; W. N. Hamilton and B. F. Fleetwood, associate justices; John R. Dempsey, sheriff; A. F. Arrington, county surveyor, and H. H. Miller, county clerk.

The only complainants were Jay Fulbright of the Fulbright Mercantile Co. and Klepper Bros. of Sumner, whose statements had been increased by the board of equalization from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and from \$900 to \$1,500, respectively.

After due consideration of the complaints of increase in the statements of the above parties, the following order was made by the board of appeals:

Ordered by the board that the increase heretofore made by the county board of equalization against the following named persons or firms be reduced as follows:

SUMNER.

Jay Fulbright Merc. Co. \$250
Klepper Bros. 250
Adjourned.

New Suits for Circuit Court.

The following new suits have been docketed for the ensuing November term of circuit court at Keytesville during the past week:

Minnie Denyes vs. Wm. S. Lambert, ejectment.

Birdie Stanley et al vs. Martha A. Peavler et al, partition.

J. P. Tippet vs. Benjamin Gomer-soll, Sr., et al, suit to decree title.

Benjamin F. Cruse vs. Louisa J. Cruse, divorce.

Marriage Licenses.

{ C. J. Walden, Brunswick
{ Mrs. Kate Wooldridge, Boonville
{ Wm. Clavin, Indian Grove
{ Miss Jennie B. Ervin, Indian Grove
{ Wm. D. Grantges, Macon
{ Miss Isabella Smith, Mike
{ Rolla R. Kelley, Chraneville
{ Miss Amy M. Campbell, Newhall

CAUGHT ON A TRESTLE.

Elisha Harris Knocked to His Death on the Glasgow Branch of the Wabash Monday Morning.

HE WAS STRUCK BY THE ENGINE.

Just after No. 29, the north-bound train on the Glasgow branch of the Wabash railway, had turned a curve about one mile below Forest Green Monday morning, Engineer T. M. Purdy and Fireman Joe Metzger saw a man about 125 ft. ahead, crawling about midway across a trestle on his hands and knees, coming toward the engine. It was too late to stop the engine before reaching the man, and when the engine struck him he was knocked off the trestle to the ground about 25 feet below. A stretcher was procured, the man picked up, taken to Glasgow and Dr. W. M. Pritchett called to see him. The doctor realized at once that his injuries were fatal, and advised that the victim of the accident be taken to Salisbury for surgical attention as his injuries had been sustained in Chariton county. Acting upon this advice the trainmen started with the man, whose name was Elisha Harris, for Salisbury, but he died shortly after reaching that city.

An inquest was held by Dr. C. A. Jennings, coroner, at which the following facts in the case were developed. We reduce the testimony offered before the coroner's jury, to the narrative form:

Lee Busby testified:

"I reside at Salisbury; occupation conductor on the Glasgow branch; on train No. 29 at 8 a. m. September 24, 1900, I was sitting in a chair on the east side of the baggage coach; I felt the engineer put on his brake in emergency, and at the same time heard him give the danger signal whistle; the brakeman, Mr. Davis, was standing in the opposite door; we were at trestle No. 738, one mile west of Forest Green; the brakeman said: 'We have struck a man,' and went out of the back door of the baggage coach, went on top and set brake on non-air car behind the coach and brought the train to a stop about 100 yard west of the trestle; we backed the train up and took a stretcher and picked the man up and took him to Glasgow and there had Dr. Pritchett examine his injuries, and was advised, as he was a resident of and was injured in Chariton county, that he should be returned to Salisbury to have his injuries attended to as he could not be moved afterward; Dr. Pritchett also stated that he did not think the man could live but a few hours; the deceased did not make any statement to me; I think the man was about 75 years old, and I knew him to be very deaf; his death was caused from being struck by the engine and falling about 25 feet after the engine struck him; I know the accident was unavoidable on the part of the railroad employees."

Dr. J. H. P. Baker testified:

"I reside at Salisbury; occupation a practicing physician; I was notified over the phone about 9:20 a. m. September 24, 1900, by Dr. Pritchett of Glasgow that a man had been injured and wanting me to meet him at the depot in Salisbury and render such services as I found indicated; I also received a telegram from W. N. Wicks of Glasgow making the same request; I met the train as requested, but found the injured man dying; he died a few moments after his arrival. After describing the injuries he found on the body Dr. Baker says: I think the cause of his death was from injury and shock."

Thos. Purdy testified:

"I reside at Salisbury; occupation engineer; as I was going down on No.

29—going around on curve about one mile west of Forest Green and about 120 feet from the trestle—I discovered this man crawling toward me; I threw on my air, reversed my engine and then whistled, and after I stopped got down off my engine to see if he was not under the train; as I passed by Mr. Busby he said the man had been knocked off up by the bridge; we ran up to the bridge, took the stretcher and got him and put him in the car and took him to Glasgow and had Dr. Pritchett examine him, and brought him to Salisbury; it was then about 8 o'clock a. m. when the accident happened; he was about the middle of the trestle and was down on his hands and knees; I think his death was caused by the fall in being knocked off the trestle by engine No. 242; I went about 150 or 200 feet before I could stop my engine; I saw them put the body on the train, but did not see it any more until I got to Glasgow; I saw him talking to the doctor at Glasgow; I don't think anyone in the employ of the railroad company could have avoided the accident."

Perry L. Davis testified:

"I reside in Moberly; occupation a brakeman on the Glasgow branch of the Wabash railway; on the morning of September 24, about 8 o'clock, while on train No. 29, about one west of Forest Green, I felt the engineer put on the emergency brake; then I heard him whistle; I looked out to see what was the matter, but the engineer obstructed my view and I could not see; about the middle of the trestle the engine struck a man and knocked him to one side, and I saw him falling; he turned over twice and alighted flat on his back; I think he fell about 25 feet; just after we got on the bridge I got up and put on brakes on non-air car, and after we stopped I got down and ran back. Mr. Gilchrist and I together; we got there about the same time and found the man who had been struck lying with his head to the south, about 10 feet from the trestle; I found him still alive; I got the stretcher and we put him in the car; I examined him and found his right leg broken and several other fractures; he asked several times to be raised up while going down on the train; I raised him up once; after that we did not raise him again; he told me his folks lived at Milan, and that their names were Eli, John and Henry Harris; the accident could not have been avoided at that point."

Joe Metzger, the fireman, also testified before the coroner's jury, and the evidence he offered fully corroborated that of Engineer Purdy.

The coroner's jury, composed of J. P. Christian, as foreman, M. V. Johnston, Theo. Woods, Bentley Heryford, M. B. Williams and J. W. Redd, returned the following verdict:

THE VERDICT.

"We, the jury, find that the deceased came to his death from being accidentally struck by engine No. 242 on train No. 29 on a trestle about one mile west of Forest Green, in Chariton county, Mo."

The coroner makes the following statement of the case:

"The deceased was an old man about 70 or 75 years of age and decrepid; he was attempting to cross the trestle on the Glasgow branch, one mile west of Forest Green; he was crawling on his knees and was about half way across the trestle when he was struck and thrown down, as stated in the evidence; deceased made no ante-mortem statement in regard to the accident; I made a careful post-mortem examination of the body, in which I was assisted by Dr. J. H. P. Baker of Salisbury; found a compound comminuted fracture of the right thigh; surface abrasion of right leg at lower end of the tibia; fracture of metacarpal bone of left hand; large bruise on upper part of left arm; incised wound one inch long on left temple; also incised wound and bruise of occipital bone with probable fracture of one table of the skull; transverse in-

cise d wound of right forearm; contusion of right side with fracture of one or more of the false ribs; the cause of death was primarily from shock, superinduced by wounds as stated above."

Elisha Harris was a bachelor and for several years made his home at Brunswick. His occupation was making claw-boards, and he had been going about the country doing work of that kind, wherever he could find it to do, at the time he met with the accident resulting in his death. A telegram was sent to Milan, Mo., but nothing had been heard from the parties, whom Harris said were his relatives, up to the time the COURIER goes to press.

Keytesville Disgraced.

The appearance of Coy & Fennell's restaurant and lunch-room in Keytesville presented a dilapidated, disgusting and disgraceful spectacle last Saturday morning.

John Fennell, one of the proprietors, was not at his place of business, and his partner, James Coy, and a gang of rowdies, from what we can learn, mutually agreed to have a high old time.

All of the participants had gotten on the outside of a liberal quantity of whiskey or the Coy & Fennell brand of hard cider, or, perhaps, had indulged in both beverages, and were ready and anxious to paint the town a deep crimson and the sidewalks a terra cotta.

A dance was proposed, and Coy mounted a box to "call off."

Nobody seems to know just how it happened, but it would probably be nearer the truth to say that those who ought to and doubtless do know most about the melee, which followed the soiree, are non-communicative.

At all events a general mix-up occurred shortly after the dance commenced—bottles, dishes, brick-bats, etc., were used freely, windows were broken, showcases smashed, dishes demolished into smithereens, shelving more or less wrecked, and a pine partition razed to the floor.

To use Coy's own language, "they wrecked his shack," and those who saw it the next morning will certainly not dispute Coy's statement in this respect, at least.

"The boys" must have had a whole lot of fun corked up in a jug of fire-water and turned it all loose at once with a generous mixture of fire and brimstone.

While it may have been "fun" for the boys, their conduct was extremely disgraceful and gave the town a very black eye, morally.

Strange as it may seem, there were no arrests.

Repairs to Coy & Fennell's "shack" were made by means of a pony purse to which the nocturnal revelers contributed.

Last Friday night's brawl has thoroughly convinced every citizen of Keytesville, who has the best interest of the town at heart, that there is a crying need here for a city marshal that will knock down and drag out such characters, who have no respect for themselves nor regard for the city ordinances, and whose only law is to do as they please.

With such a marshal and a few fines assessed at the maximum limit by Mayor Edwards would result in a decided improvement in the moral standing of this community.

But "a knock down and drag-out marshal" could not be expected to stay on duty all night, hence we offer a suggestion that places where high carnival is held in the wee sma' hours be closed at a respectable hour.

LATER—Jack Edwards, O. E. Smith, Wm. F. Grinstead, Charles Nichols, Aubrey Thrash, Henry Egan, Chas. Randecker and C. C. Ward were arrested on a warrant, issued by Justice Wm. P. Jared Tuesday, on the charge of malicious destruction of property, and their trial has been set for next Tuesday, October 2.

Chas. N. Greene's Will.

The will of Chas. N. Greene, deceased, of Bynumville, was admitted to probate Monday, Sept. 24, and is as follows:

"I give and devise unto my beloved wife, Adelia A. Greene, after my just debts have all been satisfied, and during her widowhood my, following real estate, to-wit:

"The ne qr ne qr and s hf ne qr and the se qr, all in 36-56-17; also 1 1-2 acres on the west side of the s hf nw qr ne qr 35-56-17; also the undivided one-half interest in, and to one acre of land, described by metes and bounds in said will, beginning at a stone at the ne qr s hf sw qr 35-56-17; also an undivided one-half interest in a store building situated on said last-described tract, all in Chariton county, Mo., the said Adelia A. Greene to enjoy all of the benefits to be derived from said lands so long as she shall remain my widow. But in the event she marries, or at her death, I desire that all of the above-described lands be divided equally between my heirs, namely: Ella A. Wilson, wife of Jas. F. Wilson, and Hattie A. Vocum, wife of A. C. Vocum. The said Adelia A. Greene to have the right to sell any or all of said lands at any time.

"I do further also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Adelia A. Greene, all of my personal estate of all kinds whatsoever, consisting of stock, money, notes and accounts, chattels, half interest in stock scales, half interest in dry goods and grocery store, now under the firm name of Bartholomew & Greene in the town of Bynumville, she to own and control the same during her widowhood for her benefit. But should she re-marry after my death, then at her death it is my will and desire that the residue of said personal estate be divided between my heirs, namely: Ella A. Wilson, wife of James F. Wilson, and Hattie A. Vocum, wife of A. C. Vocum.

"I hereby appoint F. F. Bartholomew executor of this, my last will and testament."

The will was made February 8, 1899, and Mr. Greene's signature to the instrument was witnessed by Jas. J. Watts and Irene Carpenter.

The Criminal Calendar.

James Coy and Chas. Hagen, the latter a tramp baker, were fined \$2.50 and costs in Mayor R. D. Edwards' court last Thursday for drunkenness and disturbing the peace of Ensign and M. C. S. Lackey of the salvation army. Coy paid up and Hagen was given a stay of execution, but didn't "stay" to pay it and left for parts unknown.

M. F. McDonnell and Bart Smith were tried by jury in Justice E. A. Chapman's court in Cockrell township last Thursday and acquitted of the charge of selling diseased beef, the jury taking the position that no one who ate the alleged diseased beef got sick, and, therefore, the defendants who sold it were "not guilty." The testimony, however, showed that the heifer, which was converted into beef and peddled around the neighborhood by Messrs. McDonnell and Smith, had been driven until she had become very much overheated and finally fell into a ditch and was disabled for further locomotion by almost breaking her neck; that in this condition she lay from 11 o'clock one day till 9 o'clock the next morning and was then butchered and the meat sold to different parties by the defendants. The heifer while, perhaps, not diseased, the selling of her carcass under the circumstances was certainly a matter of questionable integrity.

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Marriages.

CLAVIN ERVIN—Wm. Clavin and Miss Jennie Ervin, both of near Indian Grove, were married in the St. Raphael's Catholic church at Indian Grove Monday, Sept. 24, Rev. Father Bonaventure Faulhaber launching their hymeneal bark. Mr. and Mrs. Clavin are a deserving couple and are popular with all who know them. The COURIER joins their friends in congratulations and good wishes, and trusts that their conjugal pathway may ever be illumined by mutual love and esteem.

WALDEN—WOOLDRIDGE—C. J. Walden, the versatile editor of the esteemed Brunswicker, hied himself to Boonville where he was married Wednesday, Sept. 19, to Mrs. Kate Wooldridge. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. A. R. Faris at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Spahr. Brother Walden and bride left Wednesday night for Chicago on a bridal tour and returned to Brunswick the following Monday and took up quarters at A. G. Kennedy's boarding-house. The COURIER extends congratulations and hopes four our journalistic friend and his accomplished bride all of the joys that can come to a happily married couple.

Special Rates on the Wabash. National convention Christian church, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 11-18:—For this occasion we will sell at one and one-third for fare round-trip Oct. 9, 11, 13 and 15, returning Oct. 20.

St. Louis exposition:—For this occasion we will sell round-trip tickets to St. Louis at one and one-third fare, tickets on sale on Tuesday and Thursday of each week until Oct. 20.

St. Louis fair:—We will sell round-trip tickets to St. Louis for \$5.25, tickets on sale Sept. 30 to Oct. 5; good returning until Oct. 8.

Fall festivities at Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 1 to 6:—For this occasion we will sell round-trip tickets for one fare; on sale Sept. 29 to Oct. 6, returning Oct. 8.

Kansas City horse show, Oct. 22 to 27:—Round-trip tickets on sale Oct. 21 to 27; good returning Oct. 29; \$4.05 for the round trip.

St. Louis fancy horse show, Oct. 29 to Nov. 3:—For this occasion we will sell round-trip tickets for one and one-third fare Oct. 30 to Nov. 1, returning Nov. 5. D. C. SEEVERS, Agent.

Probate Pointers.

F. M. Meyer, guardian and curator for Wm. Strete, presents receipt of ward in full, duly acknowledged, and said guardian and curator is discharged.

W. H. Gandy, guardian and curator for Luvema Oldham, presents his final settlement, showing no balance in his hands, which is approved, and said guardian and curator is discharged.

Will of the late Chas. N. Greene of Bynumville admitted to probate, with James J. Watts and Irene Carpenter as subscribing witnesses thereto. F. F. Bartholomew, Mr. Greene's partner in the mercantile business at Bynumville, is appointed in the will as executor thereof.

A Picnic at Abolt.

There will be a picnic held in Barney Himmelberg's grove at Abolt, Missouri township, Wednesday, October 10, for the benefit of the Catholic church and St. Mary's school at that place. Extensive preparations are being made and a good time is assured to all who attend. There will be public speaking, music by the Glasgow Silver Cornet band, a bountiful dinner and supper, an abundance of other refreshments on the grounds and a dance for the youngsters at night. Everybody invited.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!!!

I am closing out my entire stock of wagons, buggies and harness, come in and make your selection.

A. M. BRILL.